be acquired for setting up of a Remote Receiving Station at Dhisar in Bombay. Of this, about 21 acres was acquired in March, 1960, 22 acres in June, 1965 and about 9 acres in November, 1983. Rest of the land, which is under litigation/encroachment, is yet to be acquired.

(c) No, Sir. It is still in operation.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Railway Link between Tellicherry and Mysore

198. *SHRI N. E. BALARAM:* Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received from the local quarters for the construction of railway link between Tellicherry and Mysore *via* Coord; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Surveys carried out in the past showed that the proposed line will not be financially remunerative. Due to severe constraints of resources and heavy commitments already on hand, in respect of ongoing projects it is not possible to take up construction of the suggested line.

Bi-weekly train between Miraj and Mangalore

199. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received demanding introduction of a bi-weekly Express train between Miraj and Mangalore *via* Hubli, Arsiere and Hassan; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) and (b) The proposal for introduction of a bi-weekly Express train between Miraj and Mangalore *via* Hubli, Arsiere and Hassan has been examined but not found feasible.

Railway accident at the time of Jagannath Temple Festival

200. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the responsibility for railway disaster resulting in the death of 27 persons and injuring several others at Tellicherry at the time of Festival, has been

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether there is no provision to provide relief by the Railway Administration to the victims of careless driving if they are not actual passengers; and

(d) what relief has been arranged so far to the families of the dead persons?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) and (b) The Commissioner of Railway Safety enquired into this incident. As per his provisional findings, it was purely an accidental occurrence, caused due to a large number of spectators watching fire-works close to the railway track, suddenly retreating to the railway track on bursting of crackers of high intensity and loud reports. No railway staff or Railway Administration has been held responsible for this incident.

(c) This did not occur due to careless driving by the railway driver.

(d) *Ex-gratia* payment at the rate of Rs. 3,000 was made to the next of kin of the dead and a total of Rs. 5,000 was disbursed to those who sustained injuries.